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REMARKS

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1. An Elsterwerda resident stated that, on 8 August 1953, 36 tanks passed through Elsterwerda on Highway No 101, proceeding toward Grossenhain via the Pulsnitz Bruecke, which has not yet been completed.

2. At 2:30 p.m. on 2 August, a train of 10 boxcars occupied by troops; and 15 flatcars with sideracks, carrying trucks towing guns, or trucks and sedans, some of which were covered by tarpaulins, was seen in Elsterwerda, proceeding toward Dresden.

Comment. The tanks which passed through Elsterwerda and proceeded toward Grossenhain on 8 August, probably belonged to a unit of the First Gds Mecz Army. The shipment of a medium AAA unit which passed through Elsterwerda and proceeded southward on 2 August, was previously reported.

This unit also belonged to the First Gds Mecz Army. Available information on rail movements and columns in the Koenigsbrueck-Elsterwerda-Oschatz area tends to indicate that exercises in which units of the First Gds Mecz Army may have participated were held in this area during early August until 10 August. However, no confirmation of this assumption is available.

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